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APPARATUS HAVING A SPLASH GUARD FOR PREVENTING SPLASHING

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RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 6, 2006 in the above-identified application.

The amendments to the claims have been changed to indicate the correct proper status identifier for each claim.